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SUBJECT: QUITO MFM 6 - SPEECHES IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE HEARD FROM HAITI, ECUADOR, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND GUATEMALA DURING THE NOVEMBER 11 MORNING SESSIONS. ALTHOUGH HAITI AND GUATEMALA INDICATED THEY WOULD ABSTAIN, THEY BOTH LEFT ROOM FOR A CHANGE IN POSITION IF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SHOULD BE CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. HAITI: FONMIN BRUTUS ANNOUNCED THAT HAITI WOULD ABSTAIN FROM VOTING FOR LIFTING THE SANCTIONS. HE SAID THAT HAITI WOULD NOT OBJECT IF SANCTIONS WERE REVOKED, BUT ADDED THAT SUCH A REVOCATION WOULD LEAVE HAITI WITH THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

3. ECUADOR: FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES EMPHASIZED THE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IF THE SANCTIONS WERE NOT REVOKED AND SAID ECUADOR WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR.

4. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: FONMIN GOMEZ BERGES INDICATED, WITHOUT QUOTE SAYING SO, THAT THE DR WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF LIFTING SANCTIONS, SINCE THAT SEEMED TO BE THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE THE
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EFFICACY OF THE RIO TREATY.

5. GUATEMALA: FONMIN MOLINA SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WAS PRESERVATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, AND THAT GUATEMALA HAD NO INTEREST IN RENEWING RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE SAID CUBA STILL CONSTITUTES THREAT TO THE REST OF THE HEMISPHERE, BUT THAT THE SANCTIONS HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON CURBING CUBAN SUBVERSION, AND GUATEMALA WOULD ABSTAIN, UNLESS A NEW TEXT COULD BE PRESENTED WHICH RECONCILES SOME OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE OPPONENTS OF THE RESOLUTION.

6. ONLY PANAMA, BRAZIL, AND THE U.S. HAVE NOT SPOKEN AT THIS POINT. PANAMA HAD INSCRIBED TO SPEAK DURING THE MORNING SESSION, BUT WITHDREW ITS REQUEST. DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN A GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.
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